

REMARKS

In the Office Action of October 7, 2005, the Examiner relied upon U.S. Patent 4,532,307 (Tada et al.) for disclosing the specific peroxide cross-linker at column 7, line 25. However, column 7, line 19 indicates that the chemical cross-linking agent is used for foaming by incorporating the cross-linking agent in advance in the foamable polymer composition. Chemical cross-linking agents generate radicals by decomposing at a temperature lower than the decomposition temperature of the blowing agent to induce the cross-linking reaction of the polymer. Such a foaming action is undesirable, and in fact detrimental, to a composition for making gloves. In addition, the use of the peroxide cross-linkers as a foaming agent does not provide motivation to combine with the other prior art references as proposed by the Examiner. It would not be obvious to combine the teaching of Tada et al. with another reference unless foaming was desired in addition to cross linking. Reconsideration of the rejection is respectfully requested.

The claims, as amended, are allowable over the prior art and favorable action is eagerly and earnestly solicited.

If any fees are due and owing, the Commissioner is authorized to charge Deposit Account 08-2455.

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